

GRIM WRITERS  
OF WORLD HISTORY  
WRITE LETTERS HOMELETTERS COME FROM ACROSS  
THE SEA WHERE LOCAL BOYS  
ARE AFTER THE HUN

Among the recent arrivals in France was one, George Trimble, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Trimble of this city. George writes the following letter to his parents, telling them of the trip over and of some of the incidents which happened soon after the boys got over there. George tells about the great life in the following letter:

Sept. 21, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you although your letter was very short.

News is a thing of the past with us as we have to be careful and not give out any information.

We are having some wonderful weather this month; rain most of the time and lots of mud, that nice slippery kind where you have to watch your step.

The streets here are like a barn yard as every farmer has cows and three times a day they are driven to pasture and brought back and they sure keep the streets in a wonderful condition.

We left Camp Custer July 15 and landed in Camp Mills, L. I. on the afternoon of July 17. We were in camp one week and were issued clothing and on the afternoon of (deleted) we embarked for France; every one was glad when the day came to leave but oh, what a change has come over the bunch. We had a fine trip over, took us 15 days to cross the pond, landing in France on the afternoon of (deleted), leaving the ship on the morning of Aug. we went to a rest camp for 24 hours; there were plenty of Germans there and I want to say that they sure were a husky looking bunch, nearly all young fellows, I should judge between 15 and 20.

We were given warning about air raids and told just what to do in case the alarm was given and you should have seen the shirt tail parade about 1 o'clock when the alarm was given; men were out of their tents and on their way to the safety zone in less than time it takes to tell about it. There sure was some sprinting done. Portland catcher, put his right shoe on his left foot but couldn't travel fast enough that way so stopped to change once and about a dozen fellows piled up on him and he has been raving ever since.

We left there on the afternoon of the 8th and traveled in box cars for two days and two nights; our meals consisted of corn bread and bread and believe me we were glad when we came to the end of that trip; we were all stiff and tired.

We landed in town on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock and slept in a church yard for a couple of hours and then were marched to our billets and told to clean them up and clean them up we did; in fact, we have been cleaning up ever since.

I can't imagine an American farmer making a living here as the farms are stony; they only plow about a four inch furrow and that is mostly stone and clay.

I guess I better let up for this time or the officer that censors this letter will be looking for me with a shotgun.

Forest Beemer received a Banner from his folks and we took turns in reading it; would like to get more of them even if they are a month or more old by the time they get here.

Write often as a letter works wonders with a fellow over here.

Yours with love,

Corp. George Trimble,

Co. B, 340th Inf., A. P. O. 789, A. E. F., France.

Harmon Palmateer writes the following letter to Miss Winifred Thompson. As will be seen in the letter, the boys can purchase an occasional chicken over there for something extra at dinner. "Sim" Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Simmons of this city:

Sept. 18, 1918.

Dear Friend:

I received your letter last night and it sure made me feel fine to hear from you again. Your letter found me feeling fine and having as good a time as could be expected over here in France. We could have more amusement and also get along much better if we could only talk the lingo that the French people do. Although the French people are very accommodating and also very free hearted to the American soldiers.

I expect the young fellows are very scarce in Belding now days as there sure is a great bunch of them over here now and all anxious to strike the final blow that will end the war. You never see a soldier over here but who is waiting anxiously to get up to the front to do his bit and I guess it won't be long until Sim and I will be up there for we have been transferred with six other fellows out of the battery and are waiting orders to move at any time now. I think we are going up there to take fellows' places who have been bopped or killed rather. But I sure am glad that Sim and I can go together. That is some satisfaction anyhow and we are waiting anxiously to go when called.

**Clara Rivenburgh Dead.**  
Miss Clara Rivenburgh, aged 16 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivenburgh, East State street, Sunday morning at about 1 o'clock following a painful illness of ten weeks' duration, which was caused by anemia. Her funeral was held this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Rev. Fr. John A. Klich officiating and burial was in the Catholic cemetery here. She is survived by her parents and two brothers, George and Frank Rivenburgh of Flint, who were here for the funeral. Will Ritterstorf of Muskegon is also a half-brother of the deceased and he together with his family were at the funeral.

**Secured a Pastor.**  
The Congregationalists have been informed by Rev. W. J. Rook of Vanderbilt that he has accepted their call to this pastorate and will soon move here and take up the work. The parsonage is already being put in repair for him and service in the church will begin the first Sunday in November after the ban is lifted.

ARMY DESERTER  
IS RETURNED  
TO CAMP CUSTER

"BOB" MILLER, GARAGE EMPLOYEE, FINDS LIFE AT CAMP CUSTER DISTASTEFUL.

Wednesday afternoon Special Policeman Elmer E. Cook received a telegram from Commandant Mallory, at Camp Custer, telling him that a deserter and hold one, Roswell R. Miller, who was taken in the draft from this city and who it was alleged, had deserted from the army while stationed at Camp Custer and when last seen or heard from, he was making in the direction of this city. The telegram, while brief, went into detail enough to give a fairly good description of the man wanted and an officer who would not have been personally acquainted with the man would have been able to have formed a very good idea of the fellow that he was after.

Shortly after the 5:40 train up from Ionia pulled into the station, Mr. Cook found Miller in company with another man in civilian clothes and two girls riding in an automobile near the new Belding Memorial library building and Cook stopped the car and told Miller that he was under arrest and that he had better come along peacefully. Miller at first resisted arrest and demanded that the officer show the warrant and other papers which he must first have. After a little gentle persuading, Miller went along with Cook and was placed in the city jail to await orders and instructions from the commanding officer at Camp Custer.

Miller left Camp Custer without permission on Friday, October 11, and on Wednesday, October 16, he was apprehended. Ordinarily a soldier is not classed as a deserter until he has been absent without leave for a period of ten days or more, but inasmuch as this was the second time that Miller had left in this way since arriving at the cantonment, he was charged as a deserter.

Officer Cook went back to Camp Custer with the prisoner on Saturday and delivered him to the camp authorities, where he was charged formally with deserting the United States army. He was also charged with the theft of a coat from a fellow soldier, which he is alleged to have admitted and it may go rather hard with him, as it is claimed that there are several other charges against him, other than the theft and desertion charges.

Miller came here from the south and has been in trouble, so it is alleged by people who keep boarders in this city, several times on account of leaving without paying board as per agreement. He was employed for a time on the construction of the big factory A smoke stack and for a time prior to his being drafted he was employed in the Murray garage. While residing here he seemed to have the ordinary number of friends and outside of his occasional alleged board bill troubles seemed to get along all right.

Just what punishment will be meted out to Miller is not known, but the chances are that he will be sent immediately to the front line trenches.

**To Hold Rummage Sale.**  
The ladies of the board of managers of the Belding hospital are planning on holding a rummage sale in the vacant store in the Holmes block, formerly occupied by Peterson's department store, beginning on Nov. 6 and continuing as long as it can be held. Everybody should be interested in an institution like the hospital and it is a common duty for us all to rummage around and find things to place on sale at this time for this purpose. There are many farmers who can donate something from off the farm just as well as not for the hospital or for the sale and it certainly would be a great help to the ladies who have the cares of running the institution in hand. Really, you never know just how quick you or one of yours is going to be taken to the hospital for treatment and one feels better if after being taken there they can say that they have helped to keep it going.

**Complimentary to F. L. Moon.**  
The board of supervisors at its Monday meeting unanimously re-elected Frank L. Moon, of Otisco, as one of the county commissioners of the poor. Mr. Moon not only received the unanimous vote of the supervisors, but the electing was done by acclamation, a sort of complimentary action of the board which speaks well for Mr. Moon's work on the committee.

Mrs. Anna Baldwin of Alcona county after a short visit with relatives and friends in this city returned to her home Tuesday.

## Sick Man of Europe

EPIDEMIC SPREADS  
AND CLOSING UP  
ORDERS LENGTHENNEARLY 200 CASES OF DISEASE  
REPORTED TO HEALTH OFFICER E. W. LITTLE.

The epidemic of Spanish influenza which first struck this city about two weeks ago has spread so that at the present time there are nearly 200 cases of the disease reported to the health officer's department and every preventive measure that can be employed to conquer the disease has been or will be made to gain that end. In view of the fact that on Friday the government issued an order closing all churches, theaters and other public gathering places, the local board of health and Health Officer Little feel as if they were thoroughly justified in taking the action which they did on Monday, a week ago and closing these places in the city.

According to figures which Dr. Little gave us, there are at the present time just exactly 179 cases of the Flu reported to his office. The doctor thinks, however, that there were to be a house to house canvass of the city made, that there would be fifty more unreported cases brought to light, which would make the total of the cases more than 200 in this city.

The board of health is gratified at the willingness of the business men and others in this city to cooperate with them in every way to stamp out the disease. They fully realize that this cooperation and the closing of some of these business places has meant a great financial loss to many of the people but they nevertheless have displayed a splendid spirit in doing their utmost to aid in checking the epidemic.

Fully one-third of the cases in the city are gaining rapidly and these people will soon be able to be out and attending to their duties as before. Luckily, only one death has resulted as a result of the wave of flu germs which swept over the city and the board of health considers that with ordinary precaution that the epidemic will be checked and will soon be on the decline. Dr. Little feels that there should be no public gatherings of any kind and the suggestion is given out that people refrain from gathering in groups on the streets of the city as a further precaution against the spread of the malady.

The churches will not reopen on Sunday, nor will the schools reopen next Monday morning as was at first supposed. Neither will the theater be allowed to open its doors until it is a settled fact that the spread of the disease has been checked. While no official word was given out as to when this time would be, it is generally supposed that by a week from the coming Saturday the disease will have been conquered so far that it will again be safe to reopen the theater, churches and schools.

**The Famous One-Cent Sale.**  
Commencing tomorrow and continuing through Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Harry J. Connell, veteran local druggist and proprietor of the Rexall store will put on his semi-annual One-Cent sale. This sale has become a looked for event in this city and in 8,000 other cities where the Rexall chain of stores operate and the bargains offered the people at these extra special buying opportunities are not easily forgotten and a large crowd always takes advantage of them. Mr. Connell tells us that he has done a lot of work and planning to get this sale for this time and that owing to the conditions brought on by the war, it is very doubtful if he will be able to offer another like sale until after the war has been settled and therefore we urge our readers to take advantage of the bargains offered at Connell's Famous One-Cent sale which is being held at the popular druggist's store for the remaining three days of this week.

Mrs. Geo. Shumaker of Flint spent the week end with Mrs. Bertha McMahon.

ACCEPTS FINE POSITION  
WITH MUSKEGON FIRM

George H. Engemann, who for a few years back has been in the employ of the Wagner real estate and who for several years before that was engaged in building up a similar business for himself, has resigned his local position and on October 31 will leave this city for Muskegon, where he will enter the employ of the W. W. Barkus Inc., company, one of the biggest real estate and insurance firms in the growing and prosperous city of Muskegon, as general all around man, looking after the office and outside work.



GEO. H. ENGEMANN.

Mr. Engemann will take up his duties in his new position on the 1st of November, but the family, Mrs. Engemann and Ruth, will not go to Muskegon until next spring. They will spend the winter with their parents at Alpena and in the spring will go to Muskegon to live. They have many friends here who will regret to see them leave this city but who will wish them all the success and happiness in their new home.

Mr. Engemann is also president of the Banner Publishing Company and will hold this position although located outside of the city. He was also nominated at the primaries in August as the candidate of the Democratic party for the office of county treasurer and his prospects of election were said to be exceptionally good.

The public take very kindly to that type of man. They believe that spirit will be to their advantage. They feel that the man who shows a go-ahead spirit in his selling, will show it in his buying, too. They feel that the same initiative will lead him to take extra effort to get values at the lowest possible prices, and to give his customers the advantage.

They feel that the man whose initiative is proved by his advertising will show that enterprise by offering his goods at specially good values. That is why newspaper advertising finds immediate response in an increased stream of customers to an advertised store.

It takes a rich man to draw a check; a pretty girl to draw attention; a horse to draw the cart; a porous plaster to draw the influenza; a paper to draw a cook; a free lunch to draw a crowd; and a well displayed advertisement in this paper to draw trade.

## Why Advertised Stores Succeed

Reason One.

When a man gets out after trade he gives the impression that he is initiative and enterprise. He is evidently not satisfied to do business in the old rut, the same as he or his father or the merchant across the way did last year. So the man who advertises shows that he is looking for new customers, new trade, new friends.

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GASLESS SUNDAY  
BANN IS LIFTED  
AUTOS ARE SCARCESIX WEEKS OF GASLESS SUNDAYS  
HAVE EFFECTED DESIRED RESULTS—FEW USED.

Sunday was a mighty tempting day for the man who had not had an auto ride on the Sabbath for six long weeks and with the beautiful weather which the Almighty favored us with, an auto pleasure ride was just about the thing which many people had on the program for the day's enjoyment. The raising of the gasless Sunday ban rather lifted a dark cloud which had settled on many when with closed churches, theaters and the like they were deprived from nearly all forms of worship or entertainment on the first real closed up Sunday for many a long year.

While it was entirely permissible for any one to crank up the family flivver and go away for the day or to simply operate the shiny, smooth running wagon up and down on the pavement, but a comparative few availed themselves of the opportunity for pleasure thus afforded and thinking that if the boys over there needed the gasoline for more power to beat back the hordes of Huns, it was but right and proper that they should still have first chance at the nation's gasoline supply and for that reason alone many a person who would have liked to have taken a spin, let the car stand in its place in the garage and patriotically forbade themselves any of the gasoline consuming pleasure.

Quite a number of autos were out on the streets though and quite a number of parties drove through the city on long distance trips. While there were not so many autos driven around the city streets, one found many using the country roads around this city, the autumnal coloring of the fields and wooded districts together with the balmy atmosphere and pleasant weather prevailing on the day made a trip through the rural sections more desirable and pleasing to the eye than at any other time of the year.

## The Finest Window Yet.

Have you stopped to look over the fine window display in the west store window of the Frisbie & Diving store? Well now, of course you have for who would have so little respect for the boys "over there" as not to stop and from the crowd who are standing at the window and those who are awaiting their turn to get there, it looks as if every last person in town was looking at the display or trying to get there. In the window there are more than 200 pictures of boys from this city and vicinity who have entered the national service in one branch or another and it makes a mighty fine looking display, too. To stop and look over those pictures of the young men whom we met daily a year or a little more ago brings back memories of the good old days before the war and you feel like saying, "Why, hello Bill" or Francis, John, Ben or Mart or Hub, whichever your favorite soldier's name may be and shaking hands with the hero who is ready to make the supreme sacrifice for his country. Mr. Frisbie is to be commended for his effort he is making to do these boys a little honor and the idea of such a display is a fine one and certainly no window display ever shown in this city looked quite as good or attracted more attention than does this one.

## To Hold Auction Sale.

Mrs. Caddie White has had some auction bills got out at this office and she will hold an auction at her farm home, just west of Shaw's corner, on Thursday, October 31, all of the horses, stock, tools, implements, etc., which were used in the working of the farm. There is a large list of articles offered for sale and it will pay our readers to attend the sale. N. C. Thomas is the auctioneer and Frank L. Moon is clerk at the sale.

Harry Skellenger is helping Mr. Wiggins dig potatoes this week.

**More Men For Uncle Sam.**  
Orrin Pearl Layton, Alvin Crystler, Glen VanValkenburg and Claude J. Johnson are the next men to be called into service from this city and they are to report at Ionia, Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10 o'clock in the morning. They will entrain at 4 o'clock for Camp Euclid, Lee Hall, Va., where they will receive their military training. Lloyd Olds of Smyrna, Ivan Kennedy of Orleans and a number of other young men from around the county to the number of a total of 25 will go along with them.

**Use Sugar Cards Right.**  
The family of H. G. Tingley undoubtedly know by this time that it does not pay to use more than the stipulated and only one sugar card, for on being found out they were fined a \$50 donation to the Ionia County Red Cross fund for working a system whereby the family had three sugar cards in operation at the same time. Federal Food Administrator George A. Prescott approved of the fine and commended the Ionia county food administrator for the way in which he had handled the case.

"FLU" EPIDEMIC  
CLAIMS ITS FIRST  
LOCAL VICTIMMRS. L. D. MANDEVILLE DIES IN  
HOSPITAL FROM PNEUMONIA  
FOLLOWING INFLUENZA.

The epidemic of Spanish influenza and subsequent pneumonia which has gripped the city during the past two weeks, claimed its first victim last Saturday night at 11 o'clock when the death of Mrs. Pearl (L. D.) Mandeville, aged 31 years, took place at the Belding hospital, from pneumonia, which followed an attack of Spanish influenza of short duration. Mrs. Mandeville, together with her daughter, Veva, lived in rooms over Wortley & French's drug store and the daughter contracted the disease first the mother coming down later on. While the daughter has never been critically ill during any stage of the disease, the condition of the mother continued to grow worse and on Saturday she was taken to the Belding hospital where her death took place at 11 o'clock that night.

Her funeral was held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the remains having been taken to the undertaking rooms of the Miller & Harris Furniture Co., and the burial was in Green's cemetery, east of the city. Mrs. Mandeville is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parker, of Orleans, her husband, L. D. Mandeville, of Lansing, and two daughters, Miss Veva Mandeville, who lived with her.

Rev. P. Ray Norton held a brief prayer service at the grave, owing to the fact that the funeral was private, as is the usual custom in cases where death has been caused from pneumonia following influenza and none but the immediate relatives and close friends were in attendance.

FOURTH HOME SOLDIER  
DIES IN ARMY CAMPS

The remains of William Bakeman, aged 21 years, who died Monday morning at 6 o'clock in the hospital at Ann Arbor, where he had been taken for treatment following his coming down with influenza which developed into pneumonia, arrived in this city on the 5:40 train Tuesday evening and were taken to the undertaking rooms of the Miller & Harris Furniture Co., where they were held until this Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and then taken out to Riverside cemetery, where they were interred.

Will Bakeman was a splendid young man, the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Bakeman, of the North side and only recently was home for a short furlough. He was in the training detachment at Ann Arbor at the time he was taken sick. His parents had been down to see him when they were notified that he was ill and later received a telegram that he was dead. Owing to the fact that he had several brothers and sisters sick at home, his remains were not taken there but were taken from the undertaking rooms to the cemetery, where Rev. Norton held a brief prayer service.

In honor of the dead soldier, flags in the city went at half mast and the stores and business places of the city were closed between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30, the time of the funeral.

## Stock Woods With Game Birds.

Mayor Fred W. Green and Deputy Game Warden George Kirshman of Ionia have secured nearly 100 ring-necked pheasants from the state hatchery at Mason and have taken the birds out near Long Lake and liberated them in the hopes that they will thrive and multiply and that some day they will be abundant enough to afford sport for hunting. The mayor and the game warden had to promise the state hatchery officials that they would do their utmost to protect the birds from destruction and woe to the man who shoots one of these birds, so is caught at it before the time rolls around when the law says that they can be hunted and shot. It is to be hoped that every person who can will aid in protecting the birds so that within a few years the county will have a sufficient number of them to afford fairly good sport in hunting them.

## Sherman-Cusick.

The marriage of Mr. Ralph Sherman and Miss Kate Cusick took place at the Baptist parsonage Friday evening, October 18, at 8 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Biss officiating and using the ring service. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrington, two newlyweds whom Rev. Biss married a short time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman will continue to reside in this city.

TELLS OF FINE  
TRIP TO HOME IN  
GOLDEN WESTMISS CLARA MOULTON, NOW A  
RESIDENT OF PASADENA, CAL.  
WRITES TO LOCAL FRIEND.

(Continued From Last Week.)

We arrived at Salt Lake City too late to make connections with our train, were transferred to the Salt Lake depot where we were told to go to the Hotel Utah where the consolidated railroad offices were; here we waited about 20 minutes at the information desk and were told what trains were running, which carried standard and which one tourist sleepers, then we waited about a half hour at the other desk trying to get a man to sell us a berth. Well, at last a very nice, elderly gentleman waited on us; he advised us to take a tourist sleeper which would leave about noon the next day which would give us several hours at Salt Lake City. We then engaged a room at this hotel, which by the way is a new hotel and a very beautiful one, costing something over two million dollars; every room is an outside room. We then went for a ride on the rubberneck wagon. We saw the tomb of Brigham Young, also the house where his first wife and his 17th one lived, by the way the latter is a three or four story red brick house and is now used for the headquarters of the Utah Red Cross. Also saw the oldest house in Salt Lake City which is an adobe house built in the '50's; took a ride on millionaire row, where so many of the rich guys live who have made their money in copper and other minerals, the houses are all very beautiful, of marble, granite, and many costly stones; there were scarcely any frame houses in Salt Lake; they have such wonderful quarries near and so much white marble, etc., I suppose it is, or has been about as cheap as lumber, perhaps more so, as there was not a tree there when these early pioneers came. The streets are the nicest I ever expected to see, must be over 80 feet wide, the curbing on every street is wider, I should judge, than the paving on Bridge street at home; once every 24 hours every street is flushed so you see they are very clean; the paving is asphalt. Everything is numbered from Temple Square and every block is square, but their blocks are as long as three blocks at home. The driver took us up a very high hill where we got a splendid view of the city, facing us was the new Capitol building, which was built in record time for a public building, in 24 months; from here we could also catch a glimpse of Fort Douglas and the University of Utah, as well as many other public buildings. If anything had gone wrong with the steering gear on that machine as we made the turn on that hill, well, you would not be worrying yourself through this letter; the road ends rather abruptly here and one would land several hundred feet below in a ravine.

They have built several large apartment houses recently, one which we saw had 75 apartments; every room has an outside window, heating, cooking and lighting all done by electricity, that sounded good to me; think of the dirt and work one would escape. I think there are 32 or 34 wards in the city; every ward has its own Mormon church also its elder to look after it; there are many beautiful churches here, the Episcopal church is a large and very expensive church, also the Congregational; there are also several Protestant hospitals, in fact 65 per cent of the population of Salt Lake City are not Mormons, of course in the state Mormons run much larger than that. We saw the tinching house where all good Mormons pay their tithes; they say it is not compulsory but I am from Missouri. I believe all the property in the city is owned and controlled by the Mormons. We saw the Beehive house which is the official residence of the president of the Mormon church; it is in the shape of a beehive as its name suggests. The Lion house which adjoins the Beehive house was formerly the private home of Brigham Young and is now used by the Latter Day Saints' university. We drove through one drive of Liberty Park, which is right in the city and contains over 200 acres; here they claim to have the only baby elephant born in captivity, may be so, I did not dispute their word; the party got out and walked over to see it; not your humble servant; it was altogether too big for any extra exertion on our part; we sat in the shade and ate ice cream cones; saw the elephant near enough for me when we drove in. The park has many beautiful flowers and shrubs in and everything that is usually seen in a park.

There are many nice stores and we thought we would go in one or two in the morning but did not have time. That night we started out to Salt Lake. Well we got there but a little late. When I went to buy my ticket there was a man ahead of me who wanted folks to know he had a \$10 bill and I took the girl so long to make change that the train had started before I could get my ticket, so we had to wait 45 minutes for the next one which got us out there rather late. However, we walked around a bit. The pavilion was remarkable on account of its Moorish structure and the huge proportions; outside of the pavilion were different booths; I think there was every gambling game that was ever invented right there in the open where you could spend all the money you wanted to; we passed them by and took the safe thing, a popcorn ball. The wind seemed to blow very hard here and also in Salt Lake City. Do not know whether it always does or not; should hope so, for it was very warm. The lake is 75 miles long and 50 miles wide and as yet no outlet has ever been discovered; the water is very salty, seven times more so than the ocean; there

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